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SECURITY INFORMATION

TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield and Military Post

EVALUATION 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED 25X1C

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REFERENCES _____ 25X1C

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REMARKS.

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1. Between 4 and 14 July 1953, no aircraft were observed at Finsterwalde airfield. Allegedly, the planes had left in late June 1953. Motor vehicles observed

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2. The following observations were made at Finsterwalde military post on 12 July:
Building 1. Occupied by dependents and frequented by officers and soldiers.
Building 3. Occupied by 180 to 200 men and who were not seen to conduct any training activity.

Building 4. Still occupied by a Soviet hospital.

Building 5. Occupied by a motor vehicle repair shop. One sentry was posted at the gate. Thirty to 50 soldiers were observed there.

Building 7. During the disturbances, the commander of the post was stationed there. Civilians who were arrested were interrogated in the building. Soviet sentries have been posted in front of the building since the disturbances.

Building 8. Source observed that this building was occupied only by a small guard detail. Source learned that a number of motor vehicles left this building about 6 July.

Building 9. It was apparently fully occupied by dependents.

1. Comment. Finsterwalde airfield was previously occupied by a bomber regiment with about 20 Il-28s. It is also believed that the superior division headquarters and the bomber corps headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army are stationed at Finsterwalde. The departure of the bomber regiment was reported previously. See [redacted] In late June and early July 1953, all air regiments of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army which were equipped with Il-28s and their pertaining ground units left for an unknown location in the USSR.

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2.  Comment

Building 1 is believed to be occupied by the bomber corps headquarters. The EM of this headquarters are believed to have been quartered in building 3. As these two buildings apparently were not evacuated in connection with the transfer of the bomber unit, it appears that the corps headquarters has not been transferred. The Soviet hospital in building 4 and the motor vehicle repair shop in building 5 are known. Building 7 is occupied by the komendatura. Building 8 was previously believed to house a supply unit of the bomber corps.

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